

## 2007 Farm Bill Suggestions

1. Cut payment limits to \$250,000 per producer.  
H. R. 2600, 109th Cong.
2. Consolidate some of the programs and develop a shorter, simpler form for FSA's to work with to make application possible for several programs on one farm.
3. Simplify office forms and procedures so that FSA and NRCS and FMHA personnel aren't so overwhelmed with paperwork. Every year they have to fill out and update more and more forms.
4. Have less emphasis on soil tests for CSP eligibility.
5. Modify 1031 tax exchange ruler to reduce upward spiral in land values.
6. Require nation-wide participation by all Ag producers in the crop insurance program. The goal here is to eliminate all crop disaster programs.
7. More flexibility to use CRP acres and filter strips for incidental grazing during off-season. Allowing this would have little impact on hay producers and would go a lot further to reduce labor and feed requirements for small cattle producers. It would be a big help to encourage these producers to enroll in CRP and filter strip programs.
8. Develop incentives for individual producers to establish alternate energy sources on the farm.
9. Allow small beef processors to export beef to Japan if they meet all BSE testing requirements by the Japanese.
10. We must get the Japanese beef markets re-opened by whatever means necessary. The long-term effects of this market loss are huge.
11. We need a workable program to allow young farmers to buy land and start to build equity in agriculture, i.e., incentives to rent and sell to beginning farmers, no interest loans, etc.

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